SUBJECT No. 114.

Free attendance of Sub-Assistant Surgeons on patients certified to be poor.

Mr. Gopaliah, Holalkere Municipality.

Mr. Gopaliah.—Sub-Assistant Surgeons may be required to visit the houses of patients who are certified to be poor by the President or Vice-President of the Taluk Board and attend to their treatment without demanding any fees.

Second Member of Council.—It is not possible to make any such rule. Sub-Assistant Surgeons do certainly visit patients without demanding fees in deserving cases. There are instances in which some medical men actually spend out of their own pocket for the treatment of very poor people. No such hard and fast rule can be laid down as suggested. The local Municipalities may undertake to pay the necessary fees in the case of indigent persons.

Dewan.—The suggestion is not practicable. It is not the duty of the President or Vice-President of a local board to certify who is rich and who is poor. It will be imposing on them an unnecessary duty.

SUBJECT No. 115.

Compulsory vaccination in rural tracts.

Messrs. H. S. Gundappa and Patel Balegowda, Kunigal Taluk.

Mr. H. S. Gundappa.—The present vaccinators do not attend to their work satisfactorily. If compulsory vaccination is brought into force, matters may improve.

Dewan.—We want more vaccinators. It is the policy of Government to introduce compulsory vaccination and also provide for the appointment of more vaccinators.

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SUBJECT NO. 116.

Measures for giving sufficient comforts to prisoners.

Messrs. D. S. Mallappa and Chikkathimmegowda, Tiptur Taluk.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa observed that there was no bathroom for prisoners, that sufficient comforts were not being given to them and that caste sentiments were not being respected.

Dewan replied that any specific instances would be rectified and that generally prisoners came back improved in condition.

Mr. R. Gopalaswami Iyer stated that in the lock-ups in Bangalore, there were no proper arrangements made for prisoners to pass urine and that prisoners were huddled together for want of space.

Reply of Government.—Ordinary comforts are given to the prisoners; they are examined by medical officers and their health taken care of; if there is any particular grievance, it will be remedied.

Regarding the condition of lock-ups in Police Stations in Bangalore, the Deputy Commissioner may make a note of it.

SUBJECT No. 117.

Detention of arrested persons in the Magisterial or District Lock-ups.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundaiya, H. Boranna and K. Mahadevappa, Hassan Taluk and H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan Town Municipality.

Mr. N. S. Nanjundiah represented that according to the present rules, persons that were arrested by the Police might be kept in custody for a period of 15 days, over and above the period of surveillance and suggested the desirability of amending the present law so that persons that were arrested might be kept in district lock-ups under the orders of the magistrate and not in Police custody, to avoid ill-treatment to the persons arrested.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion is noted.